Victory Trio In Concert At Bethel Bible Church

The Victory Trio Gospel Singers will appear in concert Sunday, February 25, 1979, at 11:00 a.m. at Bethel Bible Church, Linden Street, (the old Reynolds's Store building) Appomattox.

These musicians represent our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and are becoming very popular and well known in the Gospel singing groups. They are from Richmond.

Concert numbers will include Hymn arrangements, Gospel songs, audience sing-a-long and testimonies of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. The service will conclude with an altar call for the lost and rededications of the believer.

The Concert is open to the public and you will receive a warm welcome from the pastor, David S. Grove.

VA Questions & Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full informaiton is available at any VA office.

Q - I have just been awarded educational benefits for an on-the-job training program. With the first check I received a computer card. What do I do with this card?

A - Your employer should certify the number of hours you work each month and sign the card. You must sign the card, and you should return it promptly in the envelope provided. Your payment for each succeeding month will not be made until the card is returned and processed by VA.

Q - When insurance premiums are made by a third party, may such person request that premium notices be sent to him or her?

A - Premium notices will be sent to a third party only when authorized by the insured in writing.

Q - I receive a widow's pension from the VA. If I receive a cost of living increase in my Social Security next year, will my VA pension be reduced?

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

February, 1979, may be recorded as the month and year the groundhog was established as a major factor in the weather. Veni, vidi, vici ("I came, I saw, I conquered" - Julius Caesar in a letter to Amantius in 47 B.C.) Since groundhog day we have been baptized, sprinkled and left limp upon the limb. School doors have opened and closed. Basements have been wet and dry. We languished in the valley of gloom; exhalted on the mountain of hope. The dove of Peace has molted. Ah February, oh groundhog, we are a sturdy lot, and our heads are unbowed.

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Week-end rain got shed of more snow than our shovels. A week ago (Monday) I shoveled twelve inches of snow to make a path to my car. This morning I can see the good earth of my garden. Could be a good year for watermelons.

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We were advised not to look directly at the Sun during Monday's eclipse. No problem. Overcast skies attended to that and all I know about the eclipse was what I read in the paper.

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Which reminds me that we have better ways of getting the news than staring at wall posters. If Americans are not the best informed people in the world, it is their own fault.

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February is a good month for reading. I found a multi-volume encyclopedia in my library and having nothing in particular to look up, just started on page one and read along. There were six lines about Appomattox. Kept reading until got to John Calvin. My name is Calvin so I read the rather long article about the noted 16th century reformer. He was born in Picardy July 10, 1509, died in Geneva May 27, 1564. A great scholar and religious leader.

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February has made the birds at my Martha Street window-side bird feeder more subdued and gentile in their manners. The feeder is mounted on a post and just a yard from the picture window and ten feet from my favorite chair. Often I have seen the small birds fight and scuffle in efforts to rule the roost. And so wasteful as they pushed rivals away. But of late, they are mannerly and sometimes share the perch with their kith and kin. February may be an ecumenical month.

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I have a first cousin who is a prominent Methodist minister, now at Winchester, Va. I have not seen Bill (The Rev. William Hough) for many years. Our able and popular county Extention Agent, Jim Smith, reports that he had a nice chat with Bill at a recent church conference. I'll write a letter Bill and Polly.

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The basketball season is about over and ACHS teams, boys and girls, performed creditably. I note that VPI has a star player named Sokoman and is hoping to land a Harrisonburg star player named Sampson. The "wrench" and the "strongest" surely would set up the Hokies.

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I remember 1934 and 1940 as having severe winters, but some friends say 1936 was a lulu. That was before my time, but we are better prepared nowadays and come March 22 will welcome Spring. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

TOWN TAGS GO ON SALE

Town motor vehicle tags will go on sale today, March 1st, at the Appomattox Town Office.

You must bring your registration card and town personal property tax receipt with you to purchase town tags.

Hunter Elected President of Farmers National Bank

Mr. William A. Hunter has recently been elected President of Farmers National Bank of Appomattox. Mr. Hunter has been associated with Farmers National since 1952. Prior to his promotion, Mr. Hunter served as Vice-President & Cashier. He succeeds T. DeWitt Evans who retired as President at the February Board meeting.

Mr. Hunter is a native of Charlotte County. He is a 1951 graduate of Hampden-Sydney College where he earned the B.A. degree. A veteran of World War II, he completed 50 bombing missions as a member of the 15th Air Force. Mr. Hunter has served for a number of years as Chairman of the Appomattox County Chapter of the American Red Cross and presently serves as Chapter treasurer. He is also an Elder in the Concord Presbyterian Church, serves as Vice-President of the Group IV Independent Bankers Association, serves on the Board of Directors of the Farmers National Bank, and is a member of American Legion Post 106.

Mr. Hunter is married to the former Frances Ann Ramsey of Charlotte County. They are the parents of three children, Will, Martha, and Charlotte and have one grandchild, William A. Hunter, III. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter reside on Route 1, Appomattox.

Eleanor Conner Elected Cashier At Farmers National Bank

The Farmers National Bank of Appomattox is pleased to announce that Mrs. Eleanor C. Conner has recently been elected Cashier. Mrs. Conner has been with Farmers National Bank since 1944 and has given more years of dedicated service to the bank than any other present employee. Prior to her promotion, Mrs. Conner has served as Assistant Cashier. She is married to T. Jennings Conner and resides in Appomattox.

Farmers National Bank Holds Annual Stockholders Meeting:

Elects Officers and Directors

The Farmers National Bank of Appomattox held its annual stockholders meeting on February 20, 1979 at the Triangle Plaza Branch. A review of 1978, the bank's 60th year, was given. It was reported that the total resources of the bank as of December 31, 1978 amounted to $25,150,000, a 19¼% increase over 1977. This was the first time in the bank's history that total assets peaked at over 25 million. Gross income amounted to $2,016,000, a 21% increase over 1977. Net income rose from $167,000 to $234,000, a

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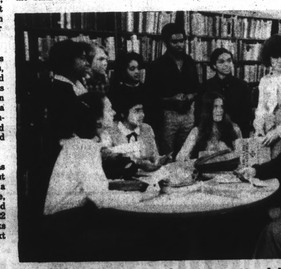

ACHS Career Council Presents Health Careers Program

On Wednesday, February 21, the Career Council at Appomattox County High School sponsored a Health Careers Assembly which was presented by Ms. Alice Collingsworth of the Virginia Council on Health and Medical Care of Richmond.

The slide-sound presentation consisted of the requirements and nature of work for careers from the professional to paraprofessional levels. In the picture above, members of the Career Council are discussing job opportunities with the guest speaker. Shown, from left to right, are Teresa Campbell, Juanita Patterson, Gordon Lawson, Shavonne Johnson, Penny Elliott, Warren Austin, Bridgette Franklin (seated), Stephanie Ferguson, president of the Career Council; Ms. Alice Collingsworth, speaker; Linda St John, and Teresa Watts.

School Board To Meet March 7th

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session in the Board Room in Appomattox on Wednesday, March 7, at 8 p.m.

Items on the agenda Items on the agenda will include report on preschool handicapped program for 1979-80, reports from principals and teachers on plans and activities to assist students with basic learning skills and minimum competencies, consideration of revised calendar for 1978-79, and an attendance report for February.

Young Farmers Executive Committee Will Meet Tonight

The Southside Area Young Farmers Executive Committee will meet in the agricultural education office in Appomattox, Thursday evening, March 1. Henry E. Covington is president of the organization which is made up of Young Farmer associations in Amherst, Amelia, Appomattox, Bedford, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Cumberland, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg and Nottoway counties.

Laura McLean and Daniel Perry Harvey, II, both students at Appomattox County High School, have been selected to attend the Governor's School For The Gifted.

Two ACHS Students Selected to Attend Governor's School For Gifted

The Department of Education has announced that 424 students from 23 Virginia high schools have been selected to attend the 1979 Governor's School for the Gifted.

The agency said that 387 of the students who will attend the school next summer will come from 206 public high schools and 37 will come from 33 private institutions. Of Virginia's 141 school systems, 73 counties, 32 cities, and one town will be represented.

Two Appomattox County students will represent our county from Appomattox County High School. They are Daniel Perry Harvey, II and Laurie Hunter McLean.

Laurie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. McLean of Appomattox. She is a junior at Appomattox County High School where she participates actively in academic and co-curricular activities. Recently Laurie was selected as one of five representatives from Virginia to participate in the International Edison Birthday Celebration at Orlando, Florida. Also, she has participated in the National 4-H Congress in Chicago as the result of being a State Clothing Winner. Laurie is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, and Varsity Club. She is currently serving as vice-president of the Student Council Association.

Daniel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Harvey of Evergreen. His outstanding achievements have been in the following organizations: member of National Honor Society 11, 12; member of Regional Band. 3rd Chair Symphonic Band 11; pin for highest average in Biology 10; chapter 40% increase.

The number of directors to be elected for the coming year was

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BAND BOOSTERS TO MEET MARCH 5th

The ACHS Band Boosters will meet Monday, March 5th, at 7:30 p.m. in the music room at the high school.

This is a very important meeting and all members are urged to attend. Final plans will be made for the March 30th performance of the Clark Family from the "Hee Haw" television program.

Appomattox To Host Public Hearing

A regional public hearing on the development of the Virginia FY 1980 Annual program Plan for Vocational Education will be held in the auditorium of the Appomattox County High School on Wednesday, March 7, at 2 p.m.

The hearing will be conducted by representatives from the State Department of Education and will provide opportunities for the public to make comments and suggestions on the development of the State Plan. The FY 1980 Plan will include activities and actions to be taken by the State Board of Vocational Education and its staff which will contribute to the State's five-year objectives for vocational education. Additional information may be obtained from Dr. Melvin H. Garner, Administrative Director of Vocational and Adult Education, State Department of Education, P.O. Box 6-Q, Richmond, Va. 23216.

The final plan is subject to approval by the State Board of Vocational Education and the U.S. Office of Education.

W. T. Johnson, Supervisor, State Plan and Evaluation, Department of Education, will be in charge of the meeting. Tommy Johnson is the former principal of the Appomattox Primary School and instructor of Vocational Agriculture in Appomattox.

Appomattox Historic Park Nears Land Acquisition Goal

Visitors to the village in Appomattox today where General Robert E. Lee surrendered can look around an see pretty much the same things Lee would have seen back in 1865 and the National Park Service wants to keep it that way.

It is the last stages of acquiring 358 acres near the village to guard the "preserved environment" of Appomattox Court House National Historic Park.

"It would be awful," said park superintendent Luis E. Garcia-Curbelo explaining the motive of the government's land-buying, "when we're trying to depict a peaceful scene, to have a gas station or junkyard, or fast food restaurant or have a modern three-story building" in sight.

He is confident the land acquisition, approved by Congress in the fall of 1976 and first targeted to have been completed by this January 31, will meet that objective, at least for the forseeable future.

"We feel we are very well-protected," he said, with the new park lands, most of which are north of the village and east of Route 24. "The way it looks now it'll be properly protected."

Garcia noted the Park Service is still dealing with three parties to get the remaining parcels covered in its land acquisition scheme, part of the park's general management plan drafted in 1977 after public input. Fewer than 100 of the additional 352 acres alloted to the park's limits by Congress remain to be acquired.

Not all the land involved was or will be bought outright, the superintendent explained. For some acreages the government purchased scenic easements, allowing ownership of the property to remain in private hands with restrictions on the lands use.

Landowners also were offered the option of life

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GRADE SIX TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES NEXT YEAR

Parents of students in the present sixth grade are invited to attend a discussion of the course offerings and registration procedures for the school year 1979-80 to be held as follows:

Thurs., March 9 at 10 a.m. - Auditorium, Appomattox Elementary.

Thurs., March 8 at 8:00 p.m. - Pamplin Elementary School

Thurs., March 8 at 11:30 a.m. - Cafteria, Appomattox Middle School.

The purposes of each of these meetings are to familiarize parents and students with the course offerings that will be available and to explain registration procedures for the school year 1979-80. Personnel from the schools and the school board staff will be present to lead the discussion and to answer questions. It is hoped that parents will be present for one of the meetings that has been scheduled.

PLANS TO TEACH CLASS IN ADVANCED FIRST AID

Plans are being made to have an Advanced Red Cross First Aid Class taught at the Appomattox County Rescue Squad Building beginning next week.

If you are interested in taking this course, you may sign up Monday night, March 5th, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the building or call Pete Doss at 352-8825 after 5 p.m.

The time for the classes and the night to be taught will be decided Monday night.

"Stephen's Fashions" Opens Today

Steve Marshall, owner and operator of STEPHEN'S FASHIONS, Triangle Plaza Shopping Center, has the store in readiness for the Grand Opening today, March 1st.

The newest addition to the Triangle Plaza Shopping Center, STEPHEN'S FASHIONS will offer the shopper name brand fashions in clothing and shoes for the entire family.

Important-Youth Associaiton Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Appomattox County Youth Association March 6th at 7:30 p.m. at the Fidelity American Bank, Hillcrest Branch.

Dixie Youth Baseball must have twenty-four (24) coaches and Babe Ruth Baseball must have eight (8) coaches before we can register children for these programs.

There is also need of people to serve as officers, umpires, team mothers and many other chores.

If you are interested in keeping this organization active for your children, be present for this meeting and offer your help.

Fred Weakley
President A.C.Y.A.

County Library Announces New Hours

The Appomattox County Library will be open Saturday, March 10th, and Saturday, March 24th, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

This service is being tried at the recommendation of the Advisory Board of Friends of the Library to the Appomattox County School Board to see if there will be enough use of the Library to have the Saturday hours continued.

Band Concert Planned For Sunday

The Appomattox County Music Department is pleased to invite the public to a free band concert to be given by the "Highlanders", a concert-marching band from Radford College in Radford, Virginia. The performance will be Sunday, March 4 at 3 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The 90 member band, under the direction of Dr. Bennett Lentzener, is on a tour of Virginia this week. They will be giving concerts in cities such as Roanoke and Virginia Beach.

Band members, dressed in the traditional Highlander attire of kilts, and accompanied by bagpipes, will perform music by Dimitri ShotaKovitch, Francis MacDeth, and Alfred Reed.

A tuba solo "Suite for Tuba" by Dawn Hadden will feature "Highlander" player, George Parish. Joe Ford, an ACHS graduate will be in the trombone section of the band.

The "Highlanders" were seen on national television last Thanksgiving marching in the Kimball's parade in Philadelphia, Penn.

The ACHS Band Boosters and other parents of band students will provide lunch for the visiting band in the high school cafeteria. Immediately following lunch, a band clinic will be conducting for the ACHS concert band. All arrangements for the concert and clinic are under the direction of Mr. Frank Coffey, band instructor for the Appomattox County public schools.

David Smith, Chief Forest Warden, and Wayne Bowman, Forester for Appomattox County, are displaying one of the signs that will be placed along-side highways in the area to keep the public aware of the "Outdoor Burning Law" which goes into effect today, March 1, 1979.

Outdoor Burning Law in Effect

The Outdoor Burning Law, the law requiring safety in burning brush, trash, and other debris, becomes effective today, March 1.

David M. Smith, Chief Forest Warden for the Virginia Division of Forestry for Appomattox County, said the law, known sometimes as the 4 p.m. Law and the brush burning law, actually applies to the burning of any materials in the outdoors.

The regulation, designed to reduce the number of escaped grass and forest fires, requires that burning of any materials or debris, can be done only between the hours of 4 p.m. and 12 midnight if the fire is in or within 300 feet of forestland, brushland, or other inflammable material. The law is in effect from March 1 through May 15 of each year. Smith also pointed out that this regulation is in addition to any air pollution control laws that exist and that are enforced by the Air Pollution Control Board.

Foresters urge that any burning be done after 4 P.M. and that the fire be checked the next day to be sure all sparks are cold. Fires should not be left untended and every effort should be made to make all open fires safe.